

a couple of years ago when he got
over it as I hope he may do now,
Mr. Doott has had also an attack of
influenza - Mr W. Hooker as well
and both as ever.

Yours ever sincerely
George Dontham

Podolotus horachoides turns out to
be an *Astragalus* with the umbellate
flowers ~~and~~ but not the stamens of
Horachia and *Lotus* - another species
with the same inflorescence is *Astragalus*
(*sinensis* I believe) from China which I have
often seen in flower but not in fruit.

Pray let me have your *Astragalus*
paper as soon as printed

Could not you send us some of your
good paper for the Kenyon Society
Hooker gave us an excellent one the other day
on the vegetation of the Cameroon mountains
which will appear in the next part of
our journal.

25. WILTON PLACE,
S.W.

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My dear Gray

As the but answer to your
query I have got Hooker to make
the enclose sketch of the specimen I
kept of *Thaca Crotalariae* - You will
see it has nothing to do with
Astr. crotalarioides of Torrey - we
have no Californian specimen at
all like it. The leaves are quite
glossy the pod has no inflation
is much inflated but not membranous
now and the fine transverse
veins are rather strongly marked.

We are very sorry to hear that
Mr Gray is again laid up but I
sincerely trust your next will
give better accounts. We are

going on very well I am hard at work but get on slowly - I have about 500 species done forming next vol. of Flora Australiæ and am working out Leguminosæ for Gen. St. at the same time - I have had much bother with European Genitalia and am now at Galezæ. I shall soon be at Astragalus and am sincerely glad you are working up the American ones - I hope you will find a good generic character - I should hope *Oxytropis* might be kept up - although I am well aware the point of the keel is nothing in *Indigofera* and many others.

Cannot you be persuaded to give

some resumé - some synopsis or even only a catalogue raisonné of N. American Flora - No one can do it but you and there is no country that wants it done more

I wish you could as you best come over and work up *Compositæ* for Gen. St. - no one would do it so well as you and a visit to England would fortify Mr Gray - The genera of *Compositæ* are now far too numerous for us - quite bewildering - and must be a little consolidated and you might do a great deal towards it.

I saw Booth a few days ago - thin as he has been of late he is thinner than ever and has a bad cough but does not seem worse than he was